(*ii*) Tobacco—1114 50— 0—0
Do. 1115 50— 0—0

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, whether the question of this license fee was referred to the Government of India?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* No. For conducting the hotel this license is necessary and so license fees were collected from the hotel.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to make a definite honest attempt at prohibition, now that the neighbouring districts of British India have introduced it?

Mr. President: That question doesn't arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Especially now-a-days it is the fashion of the day in the neighbouring States.

THOTTUNGAL MARKET—LOCATION OF TODDY SHOP NEAR

208. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be plased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is a toddy shop by the side of the Thottungal Market;

(*b*) what is the distance between the shop and the main road;

(*c*) are the Government aware that people are sometimes seen squatting by the side of the road and drinking toddy there;

(*d*) are the Government aware that toddy shops located at such busy centres and so close to the main road are a nuisance to traffic and a danger to the public?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):*

(*a*) There is none "by the side of" the market. The one nearest to it is toddy shop No. 23/1115, Vyttila, which is located nearly 200 yards away from the Thottungal Market.

(*b*) The distance from the shop mentioned above to the main road is about 15 yards.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Toddy shops are so located as to avoid causing nuisance to the traffic or danger to the public.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know, Sir, who is responsible for measuring this distance of 15 yards from the shop to the road?

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Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* The officers.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Is the Commissioner convinced that it is 15 yards? I know as a matter of fact it is less than 15 feet. Is the Government convinced about the truth of this statement?

MALA TODDY SHOP—LOCATION OF

209. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of toddy shops in the State which are situated less than 50 yards from the public road;

(*b*) how far is the Mala toddy shop from the public road and the Depressed Class Colony?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):*

(*a*) 167.

(*b*) 15 yards from the public road and 40 yards from the Depressed Class Colony.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is there any rule that a toddy shop should be located only at such and such a distance from the public road?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* No, but as far as possible it should be 40 yards away from the public road.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the Excise Commissioner had occasion to note that toddy shops are located near the depressed class colonies at Nadathara and Pullazhi?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Might be, I do not know.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is it for the convenience of the depressed class people at Mala that the toddy shop is located so very near to their colony?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Not only for their convenience, but for all the people of Mala.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഡിപ്രസ്സഡ് ക്ലാസ്സ് കോളനികൾക്കടുത്തു് ടോഡിഷാപ്പു പാടില്ലെന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* There is no such rule.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: ടോഡിഷാപ്പു വന്നതിനുശേഷമാണോ ഈ കോളനി വെച്ചതു്, അതോ കോളനിവന്നതിനുശേഷം ടോഡിഷാപ്പു വെയ്ക്കുകയാണോ ചെയ്തതു്?

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